

either system and there is no logical reason based on the teaching of Headley why one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to modify either to include or try to include a second receptacle as claimed, since both systems are fully functional with just a single blood receptacle. Thus, the presence of the filter 17 does not provide the claimed second whole blood processing location in either the "prior art system" or the Headley system or provide a logic, reason, or motivation for adding a second whole blood processing location.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection of independent claims 1, 20, and 28 (and the claims dependent therefrom) be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

For the above reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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